



Maryland Youth Advisory Council
c/o Governor's Office for Children
100 Community Place,
Crownsville, MD 21032

Noureen Badwi, *Chair*
Carmelli Leal, *Vice-Chair*
Aidan Douglas, *Secretary*
Christina Drushel Williams, *Advisor*

General Meeting Minutes March 14, 2020 Video Conference

In Attendance

Council Members:

Grace Acle
Zahra Allidina
Nina Bundy
Crisaly De Los Santos
Aidan Douglas
Benjamin Forest

Kamri Gooding
Jesse Harris, Jr.
Ian Herd
Carmelli Leal
Marvin Li
Maya Matava
Malachi Macon

Kennedy Smith
Alex Xhane

Staff:

Christina Drushel Williams

Introduction

- Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm
- Role Call of members
- Approval of the minutes

Updates

- Future Meetings
 - In response to COVID-19 guidance all meetings will be virtual, using Google Hangouts moving forward. Council members will be updated if and when new guidance is issued.
- Forum for Youth Investment Conference
 - Ms. Christina and Noureen were scheduled to attend, however, due to the Governor's out-of-state travel restrictions for state employees, they will not be attending. If the Conference is rescheduled, the Governor's Office will explore the opportunity to attend in the future.
- Legislative Session and Bills
 - The General Assembly limited access of the public to provide oral testimony during bill hearings and floor discussions and votes. The session will likely end early, and the Legislature is working to prioritize bills for hearings and votes before Sine Die.
 - Ms. Christina provided updates on the Council's supported bills

MYAC Application Discussion

- The application for the 2020-2021 council year is not available online at www.goc.maryland.gov/myacapp. The application is open from March 1st-July 1st.
- Public Awareness will develop a flyer/social media image about the application.
 - This will be shared on the MYAC Facebook page and encourage councilmembers to share on personal social media platforms.
- Virtual Info Sessions
 - Feedback from last year's Council was to host application info sessions for applicants to learn more about the Council, including roles, expectations, and answer questions about

the application itself. This is also an opportunity for Councilmembers to share their experiences serving on the Council.

- Suggested holding info sessions in April and June, leading up to the application deadline. Info sessions can also be hosted during a weeknight and weekend to allow applicants to participate.
- Ms. Christina will send-out a survey for members to sign-up for meeting dates to participate.
- FAQ Document
 - Members suggested creating a FAQ document to be shared on the website to provide more information including:
 - The role of the Council
 - Time commitment of a member
 - How often the Council meets
 - Appointment bodies and appointment process
 - Reassure that prior experience or student council experience is not required
 - Eligibility questions – GPA is not required, letter of recommendation does not have to come from a teacher or school staff
 - Public Awareness Committee will develop the FAQ document and share online along with the application

Announcements

- Youth Environmental Action Summit
 - Marvin attended the event that brings together youth, educators, community leaders, NGOs, and businesses together for a one-day event to celebrate, elevate, and support young people's ideas for taking environmental action.
- MYAC Annual Report
 - The Council will discuss the report content at the April meeting. The Executive Board will take the lead in drafting the report.
- Happy Pi Day!
- Beware the Ides of March!

Meeting Adjourned at 2:00 PM